

Stolen Honor? How about Stolen Journalistic Ethics!  
The decision to air such an unvarnished personal attack of John Kerry - in the guise of 'documentary' - is appalling given the fact that this program is being touted as newsworthy and a "news event." Up is down, black is white, smear is news and public elections are personal selections. This decision should be based on ethics in news and journalism - and not with personal attacks from others that are now being supported by the Sinclair Broadcasting Group.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.